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Appl. No.: 09/608,649  
Appl. Filing Date: 06/30/2000  
Examiner: Donald J. Loney  
Art Unit: 1772

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**  
**TRANSMITTAL**

Mail Stop RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or §146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

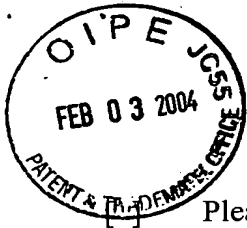
1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114: (check items that apply)

a. Previously submitted:

[ ] Please enter and consider the amendment/reply previously filed on \_\_\_\_.

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Please consider the Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) previously filed on \_\_\_ but not considered.

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☐ Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_.

☐ Other \_\_\_.

b. Enclosed are:

☒ Amendment/Reply.

☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).

☐ Information Disclosure Statement.

☐ Form PTO-1449 with copies of \_\_\_ listed reference(s).

☐ Other .

Miscellaneous:

☐ Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_ months.

The filing fee is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended	Previously Paid For	Extra Claims Present	Rate	Fee Totals
RCE Fee 1.17(e):				\$770.00	= \$770.00
Total Claims:	38	- 28	= 10	x \$18.00	= \$180.00
Independents	5	- 4	= 1	x \$86.00	= \$86.00
First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims:				+ \$290.00	= \$0.00
CLAIMS FEE TOTAL:					= \$1036.00



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- [ ] Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the  
total number of months checked below:

[ ]	Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$110.00	0	\$0.00
[ ]	Extension for response filed within the second month:	\$420.00		\$0.00
[ ]	Extension for response filed within the third month:	\$950.00		\$0.00
[ ]	Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	\$1,480.00		\$0.00
[ ]	Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	\$2,010.00		\$0.00
	EXTENSION FEE SUBTOTAL:			\$0.00
	EXTENSION FEE ALREADY PAID: -			\$0.00
	EXTENSION FEE TOTAL			\$0.00
	CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:			\$1036.00
[ ]	Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):			\$0.00
[ ]	Suspension of action requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c)			\$0.00
	TOTAL FEE:			\$1036.00

- [ X ] A check in the amount of \$1036.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- [ X ] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.



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Respectfully submitted,

Date

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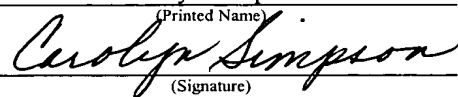
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated November 17, 2003, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: